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# Emigré Denies Agent Showed Her U.S. Data

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LOS ANGELES, April 28 — Svetlana Ogorodnikov, who first confessed, then denied, being a spy, said today at the espionage trial of Richard W. Miller that she had never before seen a set of secret Federal Bureau of Investigation documents that he is accused of having passed through her to the Soviet Union.

As Mrs. Ogorodnikov, a Soviet émigré, sat on the witness stand, nine documents were shown to her by Mr. Miller's lawyer, Stanley Greenberg.

It was her fifth day of testifying as a defense witness. Mr. Miller is standing trial for a second time; his first trial ended last November in a hung jury.

Mr. Miller, the first bureau agent ever charged with espionage, is accused of collaborating in 1964 with Mrs. Ogorodnikov, his admitted lover, and her husband, Nikolay, to pass American counterintelligence secrets to the K.G.B., the Soviet intelligence service.

As Mr. Greenberg prepared to show Mrs. Ogorodnikov the documents, the prosecutor, Robert C. Bonner, objected to Federal District Judge David V. Kenyon that since "most of those exhibits are classified documents, maybe he could just show her the first page." Mr. Greenberg proceeded in that way, making a point with five of the docu-

ments that Mrs. Ogorodnikov, who is serving an 18-year-sentence for spying for the Russians, was to look only at the first page.

"No sir, I have never seen that document," the witness told Mr. Greenberg when shown the first document, which was not classified. As each was passed before her eyes, she said she had seen none of them before.

The Government contends that in the summer of 1964 Mr. Miller took her to a house he kept in the Los Angeles suburb of Lynwood and showed her the classified material.

When Mr. Greenberg asked if Mr. Miller had ever shown her "any documents related to his work" at his house, she replied, "No, sir."

## Beating by K.G.B. Alleged

The Government also contends that Mr. Miller later passed at least one document, titled "Reporting Guidance: Foreign Intelligence Information," to Mrs. Ogorodnikov in a trip they took in August 1964 to the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco.

The witness gave the jury a tearful account of a beating that she said she suffered at the hands of the K.G.B. on a trip to Moscow in June 1964. She said the Soviet intelligence agents suspected she was working in some way

with the F.B.I. and called her an "American whore."

She said she was drunk and on pills "for my nerves" most of the time that summer as the result of an unhappy end to an affair with another former F.B.I. agent, John Hunt, who had earlier tried to recruit her as a bureau informer.

Mrs. Ogorodnikov also said she was visited in a Moscow hotel by a K.G.B. agent named "Anatoly" on her final trip to the Soviet Union in June 1964. The agent was following up, she said, on an assertion she had made on an earlier trip in October 1963 that she had a boyfriend who was an F.B.I. agent.

She said she had made that assertion at the behest of Mr. Hunt, who, she said, had believed in 1962 and part of 1963 that claiming such a relationship would help him use her as a double agent. Mr. Hunt later dropped that effort because, he has testified, he could not determine to which country she gave her true loyalties.

After returning to Los Angeles in late July 1964, she testified, she told Mr. Miller about her discussions with "Anatoly" regarding her relationship with Mr. Hunt. She testified that Mr. Miller asked her if the K.G.B. knew "what Mr. Hunt looks like." She told him they did not.